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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ARGENTINE NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN

REFS: (A) BA A-287; (B) STATE 257400; (C) BA 8630, 11-25-74;

(D) BA 2126; (E) STATE 074690

1. WITH FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FY 75 ACTION PLAN (REF E) THE EMBASSY WILL PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE INDIVIDUAL PROAGS WITH EACH AGENCY.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF EACH PENDING PROJECT:

A) BA/01(CUSTOMS) THE GOA CUSTOMS IS UNDERGOING YET ANOTHER REORGANIZATION. IF CUSTOMS IN FACT HAS ESTABLISHED A FULLY FUNCTIONAL NARCOTICS UNIT, WE PLAN TO PROCEED WITH THE PROAG ALONG THE LINES GIVEN REF A. IF NOT, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING NARCOTICS DETECTION EQUIPMENT FOR USE AT BA'S TWO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS.

B) BA/02. (FEDERAL POLICE) GIVEN THAT THE GOA FEDERAL POLICE HAS UPGRADED THE NARCOTICS UNIT TO A DIVISION (WITH ADDITIONAL MANPOWER INPUTS) WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT IT REVIEW ITS REQUIREMENTS, AS PRESENTED REF A, TO ENSURE THEIR VALIDITY AND ADEQUACY. WE EXPECT AN ANSWER SHORTLY.

C) BA/05 (HOSPITAL AND EDUCATION). WE HAVE DELETED FROM THE PROJECT THE AIR CONDITIONERS AND TV
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SETS. FURTHER, SINCE THE PROJECT WAS PRESENTED CENARESO/

CONATON HAS OBTAINED SOME OF THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT WHICH HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL COMMODITIES LIST. WE ESTIMATE THAT THE COST OF THE USG COMMODITY INPUTS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$19,000, RATHER THAN THE ORIGINALLY PROJECTED \$30,100 AS PRESENTED IN REF A. WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE FINAL PROAG TERMINOLOGY FOR THIS PROJECT.

3. THE ACTUAL PREPARATION OF THE PROAGS IS A CAUSE FOR TECHNICAL CONCERN. FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES THERE IS NO AID PRESENCE IN ARGENTINA. USING THE PREVIOUS PROAGS ON NARCOTICS AGREEMENTS WITH THE POLICE AND BORDER PATROL AS EXAMPLES, WE FIND NO DIFFICULTY IN DRAFTING THE TEXT. HOWEVER, THERE ARE TWO MATTERS WHICH DO CONCERN US, SPECIFICALLY:

A) WHO AT THIS EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN FOR THE USG? CAN IT BE THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR OR MUST IT BE THE AMBASSADOR OR DCM?

B) ADVICE ON FILLING OUT THE COVER SHEET(AID FORM 1330-1 "PRO AG") - SPECIFICALLY, WHAT DATA DO WE USE FOR ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 6, AND 7?

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